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**AMENDMENTS****In the Claims**

1 - 17 (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) An iron golf club provided with a head portion having a single cavity portion with a length along a first axis extending from a toe portion to a heel portion, a face portion, and a sole portion, comprising:

a groove extending along said face portion is provided on a surface on said cavity portion side of said sole portion; and

a thickness of a ball hitting portion in said face portion is made greater than a thickness of a top edge side portion of said face portion located between said ball hitting portion and a top edge portion and at least as thick as a thickness of a sole side portion of said face portion that is located between said ball hitting portion and said sole portion and that extends along said groove; and

consisting of a single projected wall portion offset from said face portion,

wherein said single projected wall portion has a length along said first axis that is less than said length of said cavity portion along said first axis and has an inner surface partially formed by said groove and an outer surface that extends to the periphery of said cavity portion side of said sole portion.

19. (Previously Added) The iron golf club according to claim 18, wherein said thickness of said ball hitting portion is made greater than a thickness of a toe side portion of said face portion located between a toe portion of said head portion and said ball hitting portion and greater than a thickness of a heel side portion of said face portion located between a heel portion of said head portion and said ball hitting portion.

20. (Previously Added) The iron golf club according to claim 18, wherein said toe side portion includes a first region located on said top edge portion side and a second region located on said sole portion side,  
said heel side portion includes a third region located on said top edge portion side and a fourth region located on said sole portion, and

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a thickness of said first region is made smaller than a thickness of said second region, and a thickness of said third region is made smaller than a thickness of said fourth region.

21. (Previously Added) The iron golf club according to claim 18, wherein said projected wall portion that defines one of side walls of said groove and that rises along said face portion toward said top edge portion.

22. (Previously Added) The iron golf club according to claim 18, wherein said projected wall portion is trapezoidal in shape.

23. (Previously Added) The iron golf club according to claim 18, wherein said head portion is formed by forging.

24. (Currently Amended) An iron golf club provided with a head portion having, a face portion, toe portion, a heel portion, a top edge portion, and a sole portion, ~~comprising~~ a single cavity portion with a length along a first axis extending from the toe portion to the heel portion; and

consisting of a projected wall portion offset from said face portion extending upward from said sole portion and extending rearwardly beyond said top edge portion, said single projected wall portion having a length along said first axis that is less than said length of said single cavity portion along said first axis and having an inner surface facing said face portion and an outer surface that extends to the periphery of said cavity portion side of said sole portion.

25. (Previously Added) The golf club of Claim 24 further comprising, a groove extending along said face portion is provided on a surface on said single cavity portion side of said sole portion.

26. (Previously Added) The golf club of claim 25 further comprising, a thickness of a ball hitting portion in said face portion is made greater than a thickness of a top edge side portion of said face portion located between said ball hitting portion and a top

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edge portion and at least as thick as a thickness of a sole side portion of said face portion that is located between said ball hitting portion and said sole portion and that extends along said groove

27. (Previously Added) The iron golf club according to claim ~~18~~ 24, wherein said projected wall portion is trapezoidal in shape.